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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the current application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please replace paragraph 0010 on page 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

(Amended) As will be apparent to those of skill in the art, the efficiency of a seal between two surfaces touching each other depends on the surface materials and the pressure exerted by one surface to the other or, in other words, the normal or perpendicular forces holding the surfaces together.

Please replace paragraph 0081 on page 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

(Amended) Figure 4 shows an exemplary embodiment of a subject cover assembly of a subject housing showing the internal structure, such as cover assembly 4 of Figure 3. Cover assembly 4 includes three attachment means, each of which is capable of forming an intimate contact between the base and cover assemblies.

Please replace paragraph 0094 beginning on page 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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